BSNL's cellular mobile service

†206. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the scheme relating to the introduction of cellular mobile service by BSNL in the country;

(b) the details of the time schedule prescribed for this along with the money required to be invested;

(c) whether any assistance has been sought from private sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) The state-wise breakup of the plans for the introduction of cellular mobile service by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) in the country are as per the details in enclosed Statement (*See* below). BSNL has already launched the cellular mobile services in all the States except in J&K, North-East and Assam where the services are likely to be available in the next financial year. The investment for the project would be around Rs. 2500 crore.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Statement

State-wise Breakup Plans for Coverage of BSNL Mobile Service

Sl. No.	State	Cities planned to be covered	Total Lines Capacity Planned
East			
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	1	4000
2.	Assam	23	42550
3.	Bihar	33	92550

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Sl. No.	State	Cities planned to be covered	Total Lines Capacity Planned
4.	Jharkhand	16	54200
5.	North East	49	50800
6.	Orissa	38	114150
7.	West Bengal	35	108050
North			
8.	Haryana	40	111050
9.	Himachal Pradesh	20	34000
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	14	41200
11.	Punjab	62	290000
12.	Rajasthan	40	137650
13.	Uttar Pradesh	91	385750
14.	Uttaranchal	13	59350
South			
15.	Andhra Pradesh	94	595600
16.	Karnataka	26	307150
17.	Kerala	100	326585
18.	Tamil Nadu	68	465900
West			
19.	Gujarat	74	459750
20.	Madhya Pradesh	62	112900
21.	Chhattisgarh	07	22950
22.	Maharashtra	124	495300
	TOTAL :		4311435

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207. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether TRAI is truly an independent body;